

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
February 23, 2008
10:09 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Chenault called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at [10:09:59 AM](#)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Mike Chenault, Co-Chair
Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze, Vice-Chair
Representative Harry Crawford
Representative Les Gara
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Reggie Joule
Representative Mike Kelly
Representative Mary Nelson
Representative Bill Thomas Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative John Harris

ALSO PRESENT

Representative Ralph Samuels; Representative Sharon Cissna; Representative Peggy Wilson; Representative Scott Kawasaki; Representative Bob Buch.

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

KENAI, VALDEZ, KETCHIKAN, KODIAK, SEWARD, MATSU, GLENALLEN, TOK:

Gregory Carpenter, Seward Waterfront Lodging; Dave Peterson, Valdez Visitors Bureau; Colleen Stephens, Valdez; John Devens, Valdez; Dave Cobb, Director, Valdez Fisheries; Stan Stephens, Stan Stephens Cruises; Sandra White, Tourism Mat-Su; John Loomis, Talkeetna; Michael Tuckness, Mat-Su; Carolyn Dull, Mat-Su; Kimberly Baker, Self, Mat-Su; Karen Nugelos, Nugens Ranch, Mat-Su; Mark Lackey, Executive director, Catholic Community Services (CCS) Learning Center, Mat-Su; Bonnie Quill, Executive Director of Mat-Su Visitor Bureau, Tourism, Mat-Su; Rachel Greenberg, Palmer Senior Services, Mat-Su; James Garhart, Mat-Su; Barbara Walters, Interim Director, Lee Shore Center, Kenai; Richard Warrington, Alaska Brain Injury Awareness Network, Kenai; Michelle Graves, Executive Director, Soldotna Chamber of Commerce; Billie Hardy, Alaska Hardy Adventures, Soldotna; Steve Horn, Executive Director, Alaska Behavioral Health Association, Soldotna; Shannon Hamrick, Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council; Todd Phillips, Trinkets,

Ketchikan; Diane Naab, Owner, Exploration Gallery, Ketchikan; Ed Zastrow, Chairman, Pioneer Home Advisory Board; Patti Mackey, Executive Director, Ketchikan Visitor's Bureau; Elena Rath, Rendezvous Day Services, Ketchikan; Kari Erickson, Discover Alaska Tours, Ketchikan; Kevin Gadsey, Independent Coordinator, Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), Ketchikan; Pat Chapman, Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), Ketchikan; Jessie Chapman, Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), Ketchikan; Naomi Michalsen, Acting Director, Woman in Safe Homes, Ketchikan; Katy Hopkins, Children's Director, Woman in Safe Homes, Ketchikan; Pat Jacobson, University of Alaska Board of Regents, Kodiak; Pat Jacobson, University of Alaska, Board of Regents, Kodiak; Barbara Bolson, Director, Kodiak College, University of Alaska, Kodiak; Flossie Spencer, Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center, Kodiak; Barbara Brown, Kodiak College, University of Alaska; Katie Walker, Faculty, Kodiak College, University of Alaska; Colleen Newman, Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center, Kodiak; Debra Johnson Gritman, Kodiak College, University of Alaska; Rebecca Shields, Kodiak Woman's Resource & Crisis Center; Janet Buckingham, Kodiak Island Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Kodiak; Karen Lambert, Alaska Legal Services, Kodiak; Brian Cameron, Chowder House Restaurant & Private Charter, Kodiak; Tim Carlson, Larsen Bay Lodge, Larsen Bay; Cindy Harrington, Kodiak; Mary Nelson, Cruise Line Agencies, Seward; Alan Lemaster, Salmon Charters, Glenallen

BETHEL, KOTZEBUE, BARROW, NOME, DELTA JUNCTION, OFFNETS:

Richard Beneville, Nome Discovery Tours; Barbara Lippe, AWIC, Barrow; Louisa Riley, Board Member, AWIC, Barrow; Virginia Walsh, AWIC, Barrow; Dick Wenger, Rika's Roadhouse, Delta Junction; Karin Seibenmorgen, Tundra Womens's Coalition; Kaela Geschke, Tundra Women's Coalition; Chelsea Gulling, Tundra Women's Coalition; Laurinda O'Brien, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Center (YKHC); Lynn Crane, Unalaska; Tim McDonough, Haines; Norman Blank, Haines; Kathleen Menke, Haines; Amy Reiland-Speer, Denali National Park

SITKA, WRANGELL, PETERSBURG, HOMER, DILLINGHAM, CORDOVA:

Ginger Fortin, Homer; Debbie Crocker, Homer; Patricia Boily, Homer; Jerry Scholand, Kiana B&B, Homer; Sharon Ryckman, Board Member, Haven House, Homer; Ron Bowers, Headstart, Dillingham; Eric Holland, Deputy Director, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation (BBAHC), Behavioral Health Program, Dillingham; Linda Rabideau, Board Member, SAFE, Dillingham; Ginger Baim, Executive Director, SAFE, Dillingham; Jody Seitz, SAFE, Dillingham; Nicole Songer, Director, Cordova Family Resource Center, Cordova; Peg Blumer, Sitka's Against Family Violence (SAFV), Sitka; David Berg, Viking Travel, Petersburg; Bob Howard, Alaska Charter Association, Homer; Julia Person, Board Member, Haven House, Homer; Angie

Newby, Owner, Homer Real Estate, Homer; Donna Beran, Shelter Coordinator & Advocate, Haven House, Homer; Anne Maria Diola, University of Alaska Student, Homer; Carole Hamik, Whalesong B&B, Homer; Chris Bauman, Executive Director, Sitka Against Family Violence (SAFV), Sitka

FAIRBANKS:

Taber Rehbaum, Arctic Alliance; Lisa Sportleder, University of Alaska; Frank Turney; Paloma Harbour, Policy Analyst, University of Alaska; Pat Fox, Fox Statistical Study; Kim Jones, Director, Careline Crisis Intervention; Val Dewey; Brenda Stanfill, Executive Director, Center for Non-Violent Living; Rick Caulfield, Director University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Tanana Valley Campus; Victoria Foote, University of Alaska; Dana Platta, University of Alaska; Tamara De Los Santos; Jake Hamburg, Student, Student Body President, University of Alaska-Fairbanks; Lee Kenaston; Jeannette Grasto, Board Member, NAMI-Fairbanks; Lillian Ruedrich, Director, Interior Area Health Education, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital; Andy Harrington; Rena Bower, Program Coordinator, Dental Hygienist Program, University of Alaska-Fairbanks; Kate Sunwood, Instructor, University of Alaska-Fairbanks; Ann Marie Mattchione, President, Alaska Head Start Association; Ted Baker, Bed & Breakfast Owner; Mary Richards, B&B Association of Alaska; Erik Wyatt; Katrina Nunnemann, Program Director, Camp Fire USA, Fairbanks; Scott Reisland, Alaska Campground Association; Angela Falci McArdle; Shiva Hullavarad, Office of Electronics, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Fairbanks; Rose Marie Atkinson, Fairbanks; Lou Gross, Director, Fairbanks Senior Center, Fairbanks; Sheryl Kilgore, Executive Director, Interior Community Health Center, Fairbanks; Matt Atkinson, Air Arctic, Fairbanks; Deb Hickok, President & CEO, Fairbanks Convention & Visitors Bureau, Fairbanks; Mary Rutherford, President, University of Alaska Foundation, University of Alaska-Fairbanks

SUMMARY

HB 310 An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making supplemental appropriations; and making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date.

HB 310 was HEARD and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

HB 312 An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated

comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date.

HB 312 was HEARD and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

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HB 310-APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

HB 312-APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Public Testimony

The following portion was taken in log note format. Handouts will be on file with the House Finance Committee through the 25th Legislative Session, contact 465-6814. After the 25th Legislative Session they will be available through the Legislative Library at 465-3808.

		KENAI, VALDEZ, KETCHIKAN, KODIAK, SEWARD, MATSU, GLENALLEN, TOK
		[NO AUDIO]
10:10:03 AM	GREGORY CARPENTER, SEWARD WATERFRONT LODGING	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollar funding request for the independent grant.
10:12:17 AM	DAVE PETERSON, VALDEZ VISITORS BUREAU	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:13:14 AM	COLLEEN STEPHENS, VALDEZ	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:15:56 AM	JOHN DEVENS, VALDEZ	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:16:57 AM	DAVE COBB, DIRECTOR, VALDEZ FISHERIES	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:18:11 AM	STAN STEPHENS, STAN STEPHENS	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of

	CRUISES	the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for independent grants.
10:19:05 AM	SANDRA WHITE, TOURISM MAT-SU	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant program.
10:21:55 AM	JOHN LOOMIS, TALKEETNA	Spoke in support of the education Task Force recommendations. He added comments regarding the needed funding for schools, which are the foundation of each community in particular full funding of the Mat-Su district schools.
10:22:55 AM	MICHAEL TUCKNESS, MAT-SU	Testified in support of funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs statewide.
10:24:49 AM	CAROLYN DULL, MAT-SU	Testified in support of full funding for behavior and mental health programs & encouraged full support for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs.
10:27:14 AM	KIMBERLY BAKER, MAT-SU	Testified in support of funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs adding comments of support for funding of the behavior and mental programs. She drew attention to the number of budget cuts over years to these types of programs.
10:29:57 AM	KAREN NUGELOS, NUGENS RANCH, MAT-SU	Testified in support of funding for behavior and mental health programs. She pointed out that Alaska has severe substance abuse issues that need to be addressed. She added support for greater funding of the substance abuse prevention and treatment programs.
10:32:19 AM	MARK LACKEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES (CCS) LEARNING CENTER, MAT-SU	Addressed budget cuts for Head Start, pointing out that many of these children are the most under-served and neediest children in community. Alaska is one of 10 states with pre-K program. He stressed that children need to be the State's priority, adding support of the Governor's proposal for Head Start funding.
10:35:08 AM	BONNIE QUILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MAT-SU VISITOR BUREAU, TOURISM, MAT-SU	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:36:14 AM	RACHEL	She pointed out that the Senior Grant

	GREENBERG, PALMER SENIOR SERVICES, MAT- SU	program has not increased in many years and that services are in desperate need and should be added to the budget.
10:37:21 AM	JAMES GARHART, MAT-SU	Encouraged altering the budget with a new fiscal plan. He recommended better management of government money.
10:41:29 AM	BARBARA WALTERS, INTERIM DIRECTOR, LEE SHORE CENTER, KENAI	Spoke for greater support for the women's shelters; community support groups and emergency shelters. She testified in support of the \$407 thousand dollar funding line item recommendation for early learning by the Governor's in her proposed budget.
10:44:04 AM	RICHARD WARRINGTON, ALASKA BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS NETWORK, KENAI	Testified in support of the \$100 thousand dollar funding for Alaska Brain Injury programs.
10:45:18 AM	MICHELLE GLAVES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOLDOTNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:46:20 AM	BILLIE HARDY, AK HARDY ADVENTURES, SOLDOTNA	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:47:27 AM	STEVE HORN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, SOLDOTNA	Voiced full support for Medicaid funding in the budget; adding support for continued funding of the behavior and mental health programs.
10:48:42 AM	SHANNON HAMRICK, KENAI PENINSULA TOURISM MARKETING COUNCIL	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the Governor's proposed \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:50:36 AM	TODD PHILLIPS, TRINKETS, KETCHIKAN	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:51:30 AM	DIANE NAAB, OWNER,	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of

	EXPLORATION GALLERY, KETCHIKAN	the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:52:17 AM	ED ZASTROW, CHAIRMAN, PIONEER HOME ADVISORY BOARD	Spoke in support for full funding of the State's Pioneer Homes.
10:53:54 AM	PATTI MACKEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KETCHIKAN VISITORS BUREAU	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:56:09 AM	ELENA RATH, RENDEZVOUS DAY SERVICES, KETCHIKAN	Noted her work serving seniors with disabilities. She spoke in support of the Senior Grant services option. Ms. Rath added support of Brain Injury training programs.
10:57:47 AM	KARI ERICKSON, DISCOVER ALASKA TOURS, KETCHIKAN	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
10:58:26 AM	KEVIN GADSEY, INDEPENDENT COORDINATOR, SOUTHEAST ALASKA INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL), KETCHIKAN	Spoke in support of funding for the independent living community. He pointed out that the Mental Health Trust programs should remain fully funded. He added his support for continued training programs for those suffering brain injuries. Mr. Gadsey indicated support for the \$100 thousand dollar increment funding for Alaska Brain Injury programs.
11:00:57 AM	PAT CHAPMAN, SOUTHEAST ALASKA INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL), KETCHIKAN	Indicated support for the trainings associated with brain injuries and testified in support of the \$100 thousand in funding for Alaska Brain Injury programs.
11:02:42 AM	JESSI CHAPMAN, SOUTHEAST ALASKA INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL), KETCHIKAN	Testified in support of the proposed \$100 thousand dollar funding for Alaska Brain Injury programs. Added support for full funding of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs.
11:05:10 AM	NAOMI MICHALSEN, ACTING DIRECTOR, WOMAN IN SAFE HOMES,	Spoke for increased funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She spoke also as individual survivor of domestic violence, showing that success is possible with help. Ms. Michalsen pointed out that all

	KETCHIKAN	operating costs are rising.
11:09:16 AM	KATY HOPKINS, CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR, WOMAN IN SAFE HOMES, KETCHIKAN	Spoke for increased funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs, pointing out that the children are at risk. She hoped to find greater funding for prevention services. With any cuts, the programs and staff would be lost.
11:12:07 AM	PAT JACOBSON, UA BOARD OF REGENTS, KODIAK	Teleconference fell offline.
11:13:51 AM	AT EASE	
11:16:19 AM	RECONVENED	
11:16:23 AM	PAT JACOBSON, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, BOARD OF REGENTS, KODIAK	Spoke in support of full funding for the University. She indicated support for funding of climate change research on a national and State level. She thanked the Legislature for the forthcoming support.
11:20:03 AM	BARBARA BOLSON, DIRECTOR, KODIAK COLLEGE, UAA, KODIAK	Spoke in support of full funding for the University. She pointed out that students educated in Alaska often stay in Alaska, supporting their communities.
11:21:50 AM	FLOSSIE SPENCER, KODIAK WOMEN'S RESOURCE & CRISIS CENTER, KODIAK	Spoke in support for full funding for domestic violence and sexual assault done throughout the State.
11:23:32 AM	BARBARA BROWN, KODIAK COLLEGE, UAA	Spoke in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
11:24:20 AM	KATIE WALKER, FACULTY, KODIAK COLLEGE, UAA	Spoke in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
11:24:56 AM	COLLEEN NEWMAN, KODIAK WOMEN'S RESOURCE & CRISIS CENTER, KODIAK	Spoke in support for funding for work with domestic violence & sexual assault victims and services helping men and woman living in abusive relationships.
11:27:36 AM	DEBRA JOHNSON GRITMAN, KODIAK COLLEGE, UAA	Spoke in support of full funding for the University of Alaska. She note the statewide need for "high demand specialty" job training.
11:28:59 AM	REBECCA	Spoke in support for continued full

	SHIELDS, KODIAK WOMAN'S RESOURCE & CRISIS CENTER	assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She added a plea for continued funding and education for suicide prevention and school education against domestic violence.
11:31:42 AM	JANET BUCKINGHAM, KODIAK ISLAND CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, KODIAK	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
11:32:44 AM	KAREN LAMBERT, ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES, KODIAK	Spoke in support for renewed funding for Alaska Legal Services. The program assists the low income claimants receive representation in court.
11:34:57 AM	BRIAN CAMERON, CHOWDER HOUSE RESTAURANT/PRI VATE CHARTER. KODIAK	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
11:35:58 AM	TIM CARLSON, LARSEN BAY LODGE, LARSEN BAY	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
11:36:22 AM	CINDY HARRINGTON, KODIAK	Spoke in support of the Governor's proposal for Head Start funding and for early childhood education.
11:40:32 AM	MARY NELSON, CRUISE LINE AGENCIES, SEWARD	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
11:42:05 AM	ALAN LEMASTER, SALMON CHARTERS, GLENALLEN	Echoed support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
11:44:27 AM	AT EASE	
11:52:58 AM	RECONVENED	
		[AUDIO RESUMED]
		BETHEL, KOTZEBUE, BARROW, NOME, DELTA JUNCTION, OFF NETS
11:53:15 AM	RICHARD BENEVILLE, NOME DISCOVERY TOURS	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1

		million dollars for the independent grant.
11:55:02 AM	BARBARA LIPPE, AWIC, BARROW	Noted support for statewide services against domestic violence & sexual assault funding. She pointed out that the Arctic Women in Crisis is open 24/7, offering year-round support for the community.
11:58:06 AM	LOUISA RILEY, BOARD MEMBER, AWIC, BARROW	Spoke in support of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault funding.
12:02:12 PM	VIRGINIA WALSH, AWIC, BARROW	Spoke in support of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault funding.
12:05:09 PM	DICK WENGER, RIKA'S ROADHOUSE, DELTA JUNCTION	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
12:08:36 PM	KARIN SEIBENMORGEN, TUNDRA WOMENS'S COALITION	Spoke in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs around the State. She pointed out that their shelter provides 60% of their funding. She addressed the increased fuel costs.
12:10:10 PM	KAELA GESCHKE, TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION	Spoke in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The agency additionally provides for homelessness issues as well as a suicide hotline.
12:11:56 PM	CHELSEA GULLING, TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION	Spoke in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She shared a story exemplifying the importance and need of the shelter.
12:14:44 PM	LAURINDA OBRIEN, YUKON KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CENTER (YKHC)	In support of University programs for the health care work force. She pointed out that twenty-four of the top hundred jobs in this State are in the health care field.
12:16:59 PM	LYNN CRANE, UNALASKA	Spoke in support of the Governor's increase funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She provided examples of how the shelter in Unalaska serves the community. There are only 3 employees; the costs continue to increase due to fuel costs increases.
12:19:56 PM	TIM MCDONOUGH, HAINES	Spoke in support of \$80 thousand dollars funding request for parks. The parks have continual issues determining

		who is responsible for addressing bear issues.
12:21:47 PM	NORMAN BLANK, HAINES	Spoke in support of \$80 thousand dollar funding increment for statewide parks to assist with address bear issues.
12:22:51 PM	KATHLEEN MENKE, HAINES	Indicated support for full funding for ferries throughout the State. She requested the Committee consider it as an investment in tourism. She expressed a concern for the emphasis on supporting hatcheries and felt funding should go to restoration. She added concern regarding community issues getting properly vetted; suggesting there be some sort of proof of community support. She mentioned the issues of Chilkat, noting the lack of community meeting.
12:26:48 PM	AMY REISLAND- SPEER, DENALI NATIONAL PARK	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
12:30:58 PM	RECESS	February 23 rd , 2008
2:03:32 PM	RECONVENED	February 23 rd , 2008
		SITKA, WRANGELL, PETERSBURG, HOMER, DILLINGHAM, CORDOVA
2:04:12 PM	GINGER FORTIN, HOMER	Voiced concerns with funding proposed for the Alaska Marine Highway System.
2:05:29 PM	DEBBIE CROCKER, HOMER	Echoed comments made by the previous speaker, Ms. Fortin.
2:06:00 PM	PATRICIA BOILY, HOMER	Commented on concerns regarding health care expenses and her own uninsured situation. She pointed out that a State having such wealth should be insuring their citizens. She stated that hard working Alaskans [17% uninsured] are being driven into medical travesty.
2:08:36 PM	JERRY SCHOLAND, KIANA B&B, HOMER	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
2:10:42 PM	SHARON RYCKMAN, BOARD MEMBER, HAVEN HOUSE, HOMER	Testified for greater funding for substance abuse and treatment programs statewide. She urged that the Legislature provide greater funding for domestic violence and sexual assault

		victims.
2:13:38 PM	RON BOWERS, HEADSTART, DILLINGHAM	Spoke in support of the Governor's proposed budget for Head Start funding.
2:13:59 PM	ERIC HOLLAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION (BBAHC), BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DILLINGHAM	Voiced support for all suicide prevention programs as proposed in the Governor's budget. He stated that the proposed budget submitted by the Governor provides optimism, however, the Legislature slashed that hope. He testified in support of greater funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs.
2:16:07 PM	LINDA RABIDEAU, BOARD MEMBER, SAFE, DILLINGHAM	Voiced support for direct services to individuals. She testified in support of funding for behavior and mental health programs.
2:19:18 PM	GINGER BAIM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAFE, DILLINGHAM	Spoke in strong support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She urged that the Legislature meet the proposed Governor's increment.
2:21:46 PM	JODY SEITZ, SAFE, DILLINGHAM	Spoke in support of greater funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She urged that the proposal submitted by the Governor be doubled.
2:25:29 PM	NICOLE SONGER, DIRECTOR, CORDOVA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, CORDOVA	Encouraged support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs as recommended by the Governor. She stressed that costs for doing business have increased dramatically across Alaska.
2:28:33 PM	PEG BLUMER, SITKAN'S AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE (SAFV), SITKA	Testified in support of greater funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She pointed out the number of services are provided to those victims.
2:30:06 PM	DAVID BERG, VIKING TRAVEL, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
2:31:43 PM	BOB HOWARD, PRESIDENT, ALASKA CHARTER ASSOCIATION, HOMER	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
2:33:39 PM	JULIA PERSON, BOARD MEMBER, HAVEN HOUSE,	Spoke in support of greater funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs statewide. She stressed that

	HOMER	the community-based shelters are constantly busy and that it is an important need throughout the communities, which matters. She urged that the Governor's proposed increase be honored.
2:35:21 PM	ANGIE NEWBY, OWNER, HOMER REAL ESTATE, HOMER	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
2:37:43 PM	DONNA BERAN, SHELTER COORDINATOR ADVOCATE, HAVEN HOUSE, HOMER	Begged support for greater funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs statewide. The Alaskan needs continue to rise, while funding continues to decrease.
2:40:20 PM	ANNE MARIA DIOLA, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA STUDENT, HOMER	Spoke in support of full funding for the University.
2:41:15 PM	CAROLE HAMIK, WHALESONG B&B, HOMER	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
2:43:15 PM	CHRIS BAUMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SITKA AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE (SAFV), SITKA	Spoke in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She urged that the proposed increment submitted by the Governor be honored.
2:45:17 PM	BETH LANDO, STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of full funding for the University. She urged that there be more in depth conversions regarding the health care crisis state & nation wide.
2:48:01 PM	RECESSED	
3:36:58 PM	RECONVENED	
		FAIRBANKS
3:37:04 PM	TABER REHBAUM, ARCTIC ALLIANCE	Urged support for increasing the human services funds & budget in the amount of \$3 million dollars. The funds are distributed to non profits and serve more than 34,000 people.
3:38:54 PM	LISA SPORTLEDER, UNIVERSITY OF	Spoke in support of maintaining funds for education, especially the University step increases. She urged

	ALASKA	the Legislature to restore the University's funding to Governor's proposed level.
3:41:32 PM	FRANK TURNEY	Testified in support of funding for behavior and mental health programs statewide especially for those in prison.
3:43:31 PM	PALOMA HARBOUR, POLICY ANALYST, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA	Spoke in support of full funding for the University.
3:44:36 PM	PAT FOX, FOX STATISTICAL STUDY	Testified in support of funding for behavior and mental health programs. She added testimony in support of funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs. Ms. Fox requested greater support for funding of domestic violence and sexual assault programs.
3:47:07 PM	KIM JONES, DIRECTOR, CARELINE CRISIS INTERVENTION	Pointed out that their suicide line receives 4,000 calls each year for suicide prevention. Alaska leads the nation in deaths by suicide, especially youth suicide deaths. She added her support of funding for behavior and mental health programs.
3:48:58 PM	VAL DEWEY	Testified in support of funding for behavior and mental health programs. She encouraged wrap-around services and dual-diagnosis treatment be put into action.
3:52:58 PM	BRENDA STANFILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENT LIVING	Spoke in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She noted that her agency has lost five full-time positions because of cuts and that they serve 973 women and children and 300 men.
3:56:20 PM	RICK CAULFIELD, DIRECTOR UAF TANANA VALLEY CAMPUS	Spoke in support of full funding for the University. He pointed out that over 60% of Alaska's jobs require certificates and training which can not be handled without adequate funding.
3:58:21 PM	VICTORIA FOOTE, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA	Spoke in support of full funding for the University which is the largest trainer statewide for Alaska hire positions. She added support of funding for behavior and mental programs. Ms. Foote noted that the Legislature should supports human services matching

		health grant.
4:00:58 PM	DANA PLATTA, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA	Spoke in support of full funding for the University especially supporting climate change research.
4:02:33 PM	TAMARA DE LOS SANTOS	Spoke in support of the education Task Force recommendations. She urged support of the Governor's proposal for Head Start funding.
4:05:20 PM	JAKE HAMBURG, STUDENT, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, UAF	Spoke in support of full funding for the University.
4:08:33 PM	LEE KENASTON	Spoke in support of funding to the Alaska Travel Industry Association request amount of \$8 million for Alaska tourism marketing and a \$1 million dollar independent grant.
4:09:41 PM	JEANNETTE GRASTO, BOARD MEMBER, NAMI- FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for behavior and mental health programs. She added support of the suicide prevention initiative, especially related to youth.
4:12:52 PM	LILLIAN RUEDRICH, DIRECTOR, INTERIOR AREA HEALTH EDUCATION, FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Spoke in support of full funding for the University. She noted how the University works with the new health care business and education programs. The focus is on health care work force development. The School of Nursing dollars have decreased.
4:15:08 PM	ANDY HARRINGTON	Addressed concerns with funding within the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. The Department should receive dollar for civil legal aid. He added recommendations to the Department of Health and Social Services Human Services matching grants renewal; more is needed for rural and urban matching grant programs.
4:17:22 PM	RENA BOWER, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM, UAF	Spoke in support of full funding for the University, especially the dental hygienist program. The Tanana Valley location allows the Bush communities have their students use the services and study.
4:19:43 PM	KATE SUNWOOD, INSTRUCTOR, UAF	Spoke in support of full funding for the University of Alaska, especially the step increases for the teaching staff. Teachers are not able to pay their fuel cost bills on the current salaries.

4:21:26 PM	ANN MARIE MATTCIONE, PRESIDENT, ALASKA HEAD START ASSOCIATION	Spoke in support of the Governor's proposal for Head Start funding. She testified in support of the \$470 thousand dollars funding line item recommendation for early learning funding requested in the Governor's proposed budget.
4:25:28 PM	TED BAKER, BED & BREAKFAST BUSINESS	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
4:26:42 PM	MARY RICHARDS, B&B OWNER, B&B ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
4:28:10 PM	ERIK WYATT	Pointed out that his family is one of the waitlisted families for the Head Start program. Some of those schools have closed. He encouraged support of the Governor's proposal for the Head Start funding. He added support of the \$470 thousand dollars funding line item recommendation for early learning funding requested in the Governor's proposed budget.
4:29:12 PM	KATRINA NUNNEMANN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, CAMPFIRE USA, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of the Governor's proposal for Head Start funding. She indicated her support of childcare funding. She added testimony in support of human services matching grant.
4:30:54 PM	SCOTT REISLAND, ALASKA CAMPGROUND ASSOCIATION	Pointed out that he represents an association with over 85 campgrounds. These small businesses cannot market on their own. He spoke in support of funding to the Alaska Travel Industry Association, \$8 million for Alaska tourism marketing and a \$1 million dollar independent grant.
4:32:36 PM	ANGELA FALCI MCARDLE	Testified in support of funding for behavior and mental health programs.
4:33:47 PM	SHIVA HULLAVARAD, OFFICE OF ELECTRONICS, UAF, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of full funding for the University.
4:35:30 PM	ROSE MARIE ATKINSON, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars

		for the independent grant.
4:36:10 PM	LOU GROSS, DIRECTOR, FAIRBANKS SENIOR CENTER, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support for greater funding for senior services and the Pioneer Homes statewide.
4:40:16 PM	SHERYL KILGORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTERIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for behavior and mental programs. She noted that costs are increasing, while revenue is declining. She urged further funding for local grant blocks, State grant funding for community health centers & increased Medicaid to a 200% poverty level.
4:42:06 PM	MATT ATKINSON, AIR ARCTIC, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
4:44:24 PM	DEB HICKOK, PRESIDENT & CEO, FAIRBANKS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support for full funding to Alaska Travel Industry Association of the Governor's proposed \$8 million dollars for marketing and the \$1 million dollars for the independent grant.
4:45:58 PM	MARY RUTHERFORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FOUNDATION, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of full funding for the University. The State is in critical need for specific jobs that are trained within the University system. The University should be treated the same as other agencies in the budget.
4:48:44 PM	Representative Hawker	Explained that two constituents of his, Elisa and Ted Eller were not able to testify because of technical problems, but had submitted an emailed testimony regarding behavioral health issue concerns statewide.
4:50:06 PM		<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 P.M.

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